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THE NEW YEAR'S BLESSING.

The year once so young is dying,
For its beard is hoar and grey,
And into the past so dreary,
Its hours are slipping away.
It brought with it much of gladness,
Must it fade in the mist away?

It dawned with glad smiles and graces
To enrich the humblest breast;
It dies with them unperfected;
In the past shall we let them rest?
Or carry them into the future,
To bloom into flowers and bless?

Ah! the year is surely dying,
But its past will never die;
For the germs of joy or sorrow
Have been wrought in the days gone by.
The deeds it has seen are living,
Their fruit in the future lie.

While we welcome, then, with gladness,
The guest who will come so soon,
Let us still for the past's great lessons,
Make ample and willing room.
That resolves and promises broken
Into God's own blossom may bloom.

May each hour in our future,
Be it bows'er o'ercast,
Gleam with a pure aim and purpose
That shall strengthen to the last,
So shall the New Year's blessing,
Perfect and crown our vanished past.

—*Mrs. J. E. Sprague.*

A Negro in the Cabinet.

Shortly after the election *The Dubuque Times* suggested that in making up the Cabinet, Gen. Garfield ought to select one member at least from the colored race. We gave our reason in brief, and asked an expression of opinion from the Republican press. The *Iowa State Register* promptly seconded the proposition, and advocated it with its customary vigor and directness. Afterwards a great many other Republican papers throughout the country endorsed the plan. We have found but two that opposed it, the Manchester *Press* and the Davenport *Gazette*. There may, of course, be others, but we have not seen them. The argument is furnished by the *Press* and endorsed by the *Gazette*. The pith of it is condensed into the following forcible sentence: "It is high time in this country, that the selection of individuals for important positions on account of race, or some qualification other than merit or fitness, should be done away with." We agree to this, if amended so as to read "selection or rejection," but the statement of the *Press* leaves out of the argument the important fact that Negroes are *rejected* "for important positions on account of race."

We have no doubt that the *Press* will accept our amendment, and agree that men should neither be selected nor rejected for office "for the reason that they are black instead of white, Irish or German, or Scandinavian, instead of American"; then we shall be found standing on the same ground, and when we find that men *are* rejected because of the accident of color or creed, or place of birth, we can unite both our little newspapers in a demand that the unjust proscription shall cease, and vindicate our sincerity by requiring good evidence that it has ceased, which can only be given by appointing some of the proscribed class to public positions which they have the ability to fill and the character to deserve.

The *Press*, we are certain, has no disposition to misrepresent us, and will remember in claiming a representation for the colored race in the Cabinet, we distinctly said that "merit and fitness" must be first considered. Will it be contended that among the five or six millions of colored people in America there are none capable of performing the duties of a Cabinet officer? There are plenty of them equal in "merit and fitness" to some members of the present Cabinet, and we are not afraid to say to some who will be in the next Cabinet. We mentioned Senator Bruce because he happens to be, just now, a peculiarly fine representative of his race: a Senator in Congress for the past six years, he has been on every occasion equal to the demands of his great office, temperate, manly dignified and able, and for the reason that he will be crowded out of the Senate on the 4th of March, because the people of Mississippi, by the shot gun tyranny and the tissue ballot cheatery, were forbidden to re-elect him.

But we are not tenacious about the man. There are plenty to select from—Rainey, Elliot, Langston, Douglass, Lynch, Revels and others better known to Gen. Garfield than to us. The murderous bulldozing which throws Bruce out of the Senate was a great moral force in the election of Garfield. The indignant people of the North elected him to rebuke this savage proscription, which disfranchised the people of Mississippi. We can do it, and perform a great act of justice also, by placing a colored man in the Cabinet. Not to do it will amount to a rejection because of color.

We agree with the *Press* that a man "should not be selected for office because he is Irish, German or Scandinavian"; but we do so for the reason that those races are not proscribed; but we occupy their ground only so long as their political equality is respected. Whenever a great element of the people shall proscribe a man because he is a German, then we shall insist on the selection of a German for office, to rebuke the proscription, and so of the Irishman, the Englishman and the Scandinavian. Because the Negro is proscribed, we take his part, and demand a recognition of his equality. We go farther than that; we maintain that the wrongs of the colored race must be something more than a mere "election cry" of the Republicans. If they now desert the people they lifted up to freedom, that people, and all the friends of liberty and equal rights, will desert the Republican party. It will then occupy the place of the Whig party in 1852, a mere competitor with the Democratic party, for the votes of the white planters of the South on a platform of the right to oppress the colored race.

We take pleasure in a friendly controversy with the Manchester *Press*, for we always find that paper candid and sincere, but we have scarcely patience to review the inconsistent criticisms of the Davenport *Gazette*. They dwindle to the cheapest kind of cant. No paper in Iowa has made so many demands on the Republican party in behalf of the "Germans" as the Davenport *Gazette*. We do not say that it was not right at the time in doing so, but we say that it is an affectation to read a dictionary homily to its neighbors, who think that the political situation demands the recognition of another class of our fellow citizens, who deserve it now.

Blind as a bat, the *Gazette* recites itself and exposes its own unsteadiness and insincerety. In the very same column, where our position is criticised, and written almost with the same dip of the pen, appears a rather fulsome eulogy of Mr. James N. Tyner, of Indiana, advocating the claims of that gentleman for a seat in the Cabinet of President Garfield. On what grounds? Well, we should smile, because "That gentleman represents a State which deserves well of the Republican party and of General Garfield. Indiana has won a renognition certain to be accorded, and one sure to be heartily approved by the people." Isn't this "a qualification other than merit or fitness?" If not what is it?

If Indiana has deserved so well "of the Republican party, and of General Garfield," as to entitle her to a Cabinet officer, it must be because of the vote she gave, and judged by that test how insignificant are her claims when compared with the claims of all the colored race. The vote of Indiana was very near a tie. Nearly as many votes were thrown against Garfield in that State as were thrown for him, but the vote of the colored men was practically for him everywhere. Without it he would have been in a humiliating minority. Hancock would have run ahead of him hundreds of thousands. More than that it is safe to say, that without the Negro vote Garfield could not have carried Indiana. Except New Jersey, California and Nevada, the State of Indiana deserves less of the Republican party than any other State in the North. In proportion to her population she did less for the cause than any other, and without the Negro vote she would have gone for Hancock. Yet the Davenport *Gazette* claims that she is entitled to a place in the Cabinet, but is shocked when a similar claim is made on behalf of five millions of people, who are all loyal and all Republican.—*Dubuque Iowa Times.*

An Eccentric Member of the Railway Mail Service.

On one of our prominent Mail routes is a young man that is noted for his eccentricities. While in charge of his car a few days since, he finished his distribution in time to take a short "nap" between stations. While snoozing away the stove became red hot and the broom that is kept within the cars took fire and in the mean time one of the canvas sacks with papers in it took fire and but for the whistle of the locomotive calling his attention to the next station the entire mail would have been in flames.

The news of the agent's negligence was made to the P. O. Department and he was required to explain the cause of the fire in his car. He thus explains:

To——U. S.

Honorable Sir:—

While on trip East bound 22nd inst, my attention was attracted by a thin column of smoke in close proximity to the stove, looking around to ascertain the cause, I noticed that the broom lay directly under the stove (I had not notice the broom in that position before.) The smoke curled and cavoted towards the roof of the car, finally resolving itself into ethereal vapor. Quicker than the lightning's flash I yanked her out a total wreck. While holding in my hand the once useful adjunct to the paraphernalia of a postal car, my attention was attracted by the shrill whistle of the locomotive for the next "catch." I immediately rushed to the door and while holding in one hand the handle of the catcher in the other the charred remains of a burnt broom, and debating as to what disposition to make of it, we were fast approaching the mail bag which was hanging on the craion. My mind was at once made up, and I hurled the charred remains far from me—yea I consigned them to an irredemable recovery, the valley of the Little Miami.

This moral of a burnt broom teaches us a lesson lock up a broom when done using.

The fellow was not discharged.

Any ladies wishing to know of the merits of the Excelsior *K*idney Pad, its action, etc., are referred to Mrs. Wm. E. McKecknie, Photograph Parlors, Toledo, Ohio.—*See Adv.*

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IN MEMORIAM.

THE TWO BROTHERS.

The Howard University College Alumni held a memorial meeting last Saturday evening, the 18th inst., in one of the recitation rooms in the College Building, in honor of C. N. and H. R. Otey, the two brothers who passed away so suddenly last summer. It may seem to the public that the above named evening was a late hour to hold a memorial service, but our long delay was not for the lack of interest in these two young gentlemen, neither was it for the want of our appreciation of their worth, for they were highly esteemed by every member of the Alumni; and the warm eulogies passed upon them last Saturday evening by every member present, corroborate this statement; but the reason that we did not hold a meeting until last Saturday was this: They died right on the eve of the summer vacation, when there were numerous exercises at the institution, and when all the students were leaving. Then it was thought best to put it off until late in the fall, so the meeting was delayed until the 18th inst. The following resolutions were passed at the meeting:

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst two of our number, Charles N. Otey, who departed this life May 31 1880, and his beloved brother Henry R. Otey, June 10, 1880, therefore,

Resolved, That while we mourn the loss of our esteemed associates, we bow in humble submission to the decrees of Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That in the death of our fellow-alumni, this association lost two of its most genial and earnest members, and their *alma mater* two of her most talented and promising sons.

Resolved, That the diligence and perseverance which marked their student-life, their literary acquirements, their devotion to the work of education in which both were engaged at the time of their death, the interest they manifested in all that pertained to the elevation and welfare of the race with which they were identified, are examples worthy our imitation.

Resolved, That we sympathize with the relatives and friends in their bereavement.

Resolved, That the secretary be directed to enter these resolutions upon the minutes of the association, and that a copy of them be sent to the family of the deceased.

Knights of Wisemen.

This noble and beneficial order is still at work, and is blessing not only its members but the race.

All the Societies of earth, among colored people combined, have never paid to any widow $1,545 in thirty days after the death of her husband.

We now have over ninety lodges. Eighteen months ago we had but six. If all our colored men could know the advantages of this order, all would certainly join it, if they had to abandon all other societies to do it. The *K.* of W. M. is all that the others are, combined, and more too, with money left.

If we, as a race, with but little means, would throw off a few thousand of worthless societies that pay but hall rents and gas bills, and join the *K.* of W. M., we would do a wise thing.

FROM COLORADA

I owe you an apology for not having informed you, ere this, that the "Centennial" State has followed the example of Ohio, Indiana and Wyoming by electing a colored man to its legislature. The colored man referred to, who was elected at the late November election in Colorada, is John T. Gunnell, a very worthy citizen. Thus the North, though slowly, is gradually moving in the political recognition of her colored citizens. It is, of course, patent to everybody that the colored vote in the North was potent in pulling the Republican party through in the late great National election. But notwithstanding the potency of the colored element it has always been modest and chary in its demands for political elevation. It would seem that this decent modesty should commend itself to the white Republicans of the North.

In view of our present condition and future prospects, I would, therefore, admonish young colored men now coming on to prepare themselves with substantial qualifications for various important occupations which await them in the near future. They are blessed, as all know, with having access to all the common and high schools, which is unlike such men as the noble Frederick Douglass and others who had to make the day of preparation and the day of duty the same.

I am proud of the knowledge of the fact that my own dear boy, who died while at his post of public duty in a foreign country, aimed to attain such a business standard as would reflect credit on himself, his race and the country which he represented. But his business life was cut short by the angel of death at the very youthful age of twenty-seven years and two months. But I will not dwell—

Fraternally,
H. O. Wagoner.

FALSE REASONING.

Suppose a machine should fail to perform its work, and the owner, instead of trying to ascertain the cause of failure and remedy it, should conclude to run right along, and argue that as the machine had heretofore come around all right it would soon be so again. If a general and permanent break-down ensued could anybody be blamed but himself? Now, precisely this way do people act and argue when the "human machine" is out of order. When the liver is "torpid" and bowels constipated every one knows that Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets afford prompt and permanent relief. Yet some *guess* the "machine" will come around all right, and do nothing. Could any system of false reasoning be more pernicious? Suppose the blood be out of order and there be pimples, ulcers, or running sores with scrofulous tumors, swellings and general debility, and those thus affected should refuse to use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, *guessing* that the blood would purify itself, could anybody be blamed but themselves, if a general and permanent break-down of health ensued? No remedy yet known equals the Discovery in curing all scrofulous, throat, bronchial and lung diseases. Sold by druggists.

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The colored people must take some action sons, in much greater proportion than with regard to the sharing by colored perhitherto, the patronage of the Government in this city, if they expect any change for the better. The colored people of this city compose more than nineteen-twentieths of all the Republicans of the city and yet they receive less than one-twentieth of the patronage.

We contend that there is a large number of colored men in this city capable of rendering service to the Government, and that service should be given them. It is not pleasant or wise either that we should continue to do nearly all the voting and get little or none of the patronage.—"Va. Star."

Is it a fact Bro. Stewart that the colored Republicans of Richmond have only one-twentieth of the patronage to secure which they give nineteen-twentieths of support? It's too bad.

"Bro. Tanner is very anxious to have settled 'Who we are.' Our future, he says, depends on it. We always thought it was determined by *what* we are. But doctors will differ."

Of course, Bro. Cromwell, doctors differ, especially when one is right and the other wrong, as in the case at hand. And yet as manifestly wrong as is our excellent confrere, we we almost despair of illuminating him. We have a son who is an artist. Viewing recently one of his unfinished water colors, we were surprised to learn that he did not intend completing it. "Why not?" we asked. "Well, there is nothing in it." "But how?" was our response. "Well, pa, if you cannot see it, it is impossible for me to make it appear." And so of the editor of the *Advocate*; if he cannot see difference between a *who*, that relates to the nationality of five million people, and a *what*, that obviously relates to the individual character, we despair of throwing light into so dark a corner.—*Recorder*.

Evidently the editor of the *Recorder* either did not comprehend our meaning, or designedly misconstrued it in hope to mislead the public. Else he would not have whirled such a boomerang. His comment only confirms our previous meaning that our future does not depend upon *who* we are, but upon *what* we are. Let us illustrate: The career of his son, to whom he alludes, does not depend upon *who he* is, i. e., the son of Rev. B. T. Tanner, editor of the *Christian Recorder*, but upon *what* he is, his *intellectual capacity*, his artistic aptitudes, etc.

The future of "our people," so far as that future is within our control, does not depend upon *who* we are, our nationality, for that is fixed, but upon the *characteristics*, the habits, the line of policy, etc. Now, if the editor of the *Recorder* can not *see* this he is as bad an authority on a practical subject for discussion, as he admits himself to be in matters of art.

THE ADVOCATE FOR 1881.

It never has been the habit of THE ADVOCATE to indulge in dwelling on its merits, or in urging its claim for support. Its continued existence without a break since April 14, 1876, must be the best guarantee of the purpose of its publisher to give the people of this vicinity a paper which they can rely on as devoted to the promotion of the best interests of the new citizen. Much, very much of the utter lack of confidence on the one hand in the ability of *colored*, as distinguished from *white*, men to establish and conduct a paper, and of distrust of support by their own people has, on the other hand, somewhat, but not wholly, given away to the stern logic of accomplished facts. How much of this has been due to THE ADVOCATE let impartial observers judge; but if any of our friends, because of our continued existence, think any of their efforts can be safely relaxed without impairing our moral influence, they are sadly in error.

For although many who do not subscribe or even occasionally buy a copy of THE ADVOCATE read regularly and with strange avidity its contents, still many more in humbler homes dwell in blissful ignorance. This should not be. Let our friends say it shall not *be*. There is no better field in the entire country for a paper like ours than in this community. Here in more larger numbers than elsewhere we have educated men and women, graduates of the best institutions in this and other lands, in professional and other walks of life; here are a larger number of colored children under the direct influence of colored teachers, who, by their example, will mould to a great extent the habits of those in their care; here, probably, a larger number of more beautiful church edifices with their refining influences than in any other city; here a larger average paid in salaries to clerks, messengers and watchmen; here stand the Wayland Seminary, Miner Normal School, and Howard University, whose educational influences, though extending far and wide, are more visible here in raising up an educated and intellectual class. Here, then, more especially so in the absence of the ballot, is a grand opportunity for a display of self-redeeming power of education, wealth and character. It must be obvious that the refining influences from the *without* upon the *within* must extend to the masses and not rest with the few before there is any appreciable change; and the power of the PRESS must keep pace with the school and the church, if that moral revolution is wrought which must precede our elevation as a race.

Herein seems the *duty*, the indispensable *duty* of the material as well the moral support due the colored press in the common work before us.

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Leap Year Sociable.

On Wednesday evening December 29, a very pleasant party was given by the young ladies composing "Young Sparta Club" at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Malvin 1711 11th street. Singing, Dancing and games formed the order of the evening. At 10:30 o'clock all retired to the dining rooms and did ample justice to the very fine collation. At a reasonable hour all left for home, the gentlemen, who were the invited guests, declaring it to have been the most delightfully spent evening of year.

PERSONAL.

Robert S. Wheeler was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., last week, to the daughter of Rev. A. M. Freeman.

Rev. Peter G. Morgan is succeeding in the Episcopal ministry in New York.

T. Morris Chester has contributed interesting reminiscences of Ira Aldridge to "Progress."

John H. Minkings, of Norfolk, paid a flying visit last Sunday.

Prof. Scarborough, of Wilberforce, has been with us several days, the guest of Wm. E. Matthews.

Bishop S. T. Jones, D. D., is expected home to eat his New Year's dinner with his family.

Rev. George T. Watkins, now pastor of St. John's A. M. E. Church, Norfolk, has accomplished almost marvelous results as a financier in the seven months of his present administration. He found the Church incumbered with a debt of $5,500, but has reduced to less than $1,500, which he proposes to wipe away during the present month. Besides a successful financier, Rev. Watkins, as a theologian, has one of the best of reputations. Mr. Watkins is a man of modest bearing, who does not thrust himself into prominence.

Mr. George C. Smith, after an absence of forty days from our city, has returned although somewhat fatigued and worn out by his journey. His mission westward was to have a few days rest with his mother, who had been living at Grass Valley, Cal., but this was not to be, for eighteen days prior to his leaving here she had died—a fact of which he was not apprised until after his arrival at Leavenworth, Ky. But he continued his journey westward until he reached the Golden Gate. Referring to his trip Mr. Smith pronounces Denver, Col., as one of the most rapidly growing cities in the West; business booming, women doing quite as well as men. Of San Francisco he has not the high opinion which he had been led to form. Chinese labor there makes it very dull for anybody else to perform menial service. Many there from the East would gladly get back if they could. The Chinese men have gone in the "nursing business." It is common to see "John" rolling a baby carriage. There is no "previous condition" in California, so far as it concerns the descendants of Ham. Among those known in Washington circles whom Mr. Smith met were Wm. R. Page, headwaiter of the Palace Hotel, and Miss Sarah Jones, formerly one of the teachers in our public schools. At Leavenworth he saw Wm. D. Kelley, who seems to be as well known in his new home as he was esteemed and popular here. The refugees from the South, in the vicinity of Leavenworth, Mr. Smith further says, are at work and contented, getting their pay promptly—a thing which was not the rule in the South.

In order to have an idea of the trip of Mr. S., just divide 7400 miles by 25, the average number of miles made hourly by our trains, and you will begin to realize what it is to make a return trip across the continent.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

[For the People's Advocate.]

The colored Methodist Pastors in the District of Columbia, at their regular meeting held on Monday 27th inst. at Israel Bethel, Church, approved of the following order of exercises during the observance of the week of prayer in their churches:

☞ Sabbath, Jan. 2nd at 11 a. m. Sermon from 1st Tim. 2nd ch. 1st v.

Monday, Jan. 3rd at 3 p. m. Asbury M. E. Church Rev. J. P. Hamer to preside at 7½ p. m. Galbraith Chapel, Rev. E. W. S. Peck, subject, "The Inspiration of the Scriptures." Prayer for the success of the Gospel, and Educational Institutions.

Tuesday, Jan. 4th 3 p. m. Union Bethel Rev. M. H. Ross, at 7½ o'clock p. m. John Wesley, Rev. J. T. Morris, subject, "Christianity—its work. Prayer for the Ministry, Laity, and Young Men's Christian Associations for their increased usefulness and efficiency.

Wednesday Jan. 5th 3 p. m. St. Paul's, Rev. C. W. Fitzhugh; 7½ o'clock p. m. Israel Bethel, Rev. J. W. Stevenson; subject, "The Sunday Schools. Prayer for the Superintendents, officers, teachers and pupils, for the cause of temperance in the District of Columbia and elsewhere.

Thursday, Jan. 6th at 3 p. m. Zion Wesley, Rev. R. J. Daniels; 7½ p. m. Union Wesley, Rev. S. P. Wales, subject, "Civil Governments." Prayer for the perpetuation of Justice and Equity in our land and other lands.

Friday, Jan. 7th at 3 p. m. Ebenezer, 4th and D sts. s. e., Rev. J. P. Shreeves, 7½ o'clock p. m. Ebenezer Georgetown, Rev. A. B. Wilson, subject, "Fraternity in Christianity," prayer for its universal diffusion.

The congregations of the churches, all Christians, and the public are cordially invited to these Union Services. Your Pastors cherish the hope that large and appreciative audiences will attend.

Committee: C. W. Fitzhugh, J. P. Hamer, E. W. S. Peck.

—C. A. Lemar and J. H. S. Parker, have returned from a flying visit to New York.

G. U. O. of O. F.

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The Order in Philadelphia.

At the meeting of P. G. M. Council No. 2 held on the 20th inst. Resolutions of condolence were adopted relative to the death of Brother John D. Moore who had been an active Odd Fellow for over 35 years, becoming a member of Unity Lodge No. 711 shortly after its institution and also of Brother E. T. *M.* Johnson of Fraternal Lodge No. 893, who was an active young Odd Fellow. The resolutions were ordered to be forwarded to the S. C. *M.* for publication in the quarterly circular.

The Good Hope Lodge No. 1122 of West Philadelphia gave a Promenade Concert on Thurday evening 23rd instant at the Hall 37th and Market streets. The exercises consisting of singing, addresses by Brothers Bowser and Jones and the presentation of several prizes won by the selling of tickets after which the Terpsichorean Art was indulged in to the wee small hour and all went home satisfied. The affair was under the management of Brother Smothers who is the most active worker in his Lodge. The Lodge is at present in a very prosperous condition.

Households of Ruth have been so far a failure in this city the reason why is hard to say, but there is at present a movement to start a Household of Ruth that from present indications cannot but be successful, persons of energy having taking hold of it which insures its success.

We notice in your last issue that G. *M*elect has accepted a position in the Immaculates which you think will effect the G. U. O. of O. F. Would you be kind enough to inform us at your earliest convenience who the Immaculates are? What they are? and in what way they will effect the G. U. O. of O. F. F. L. T.

The crowded state of our columns prevents our answer in this issue.—Ed.

MASONIC.

At the Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Pennsylvania, F. and A. M., held at Masonic Hall, cor. 10th and Hunter sts., on St. John's Day, Dec. 27, 1880. The following officers were elected for the next Masonic year: Geo. L. Berry, R. W. Grand Master, Jas. H. Berry, R. W. D. G. M. W. C. Butcher, R. W. G. S. M., Israel Purnell, R. W. G. J. W., Daniel Johnson, R. W. G. Rec. Sec., Wm. M. Wiley, R. W. G. Cor. Sec., Chas. W. Carpenter, R. W. G. Tyler, Thos. P. Emory, R. W. G. Pursuivant. The R. W. G. Master appointed the other G. L. officers, among whom were Revs. Joseph J. Clinton, Jabez P. Campbell, Lewis Chambers, and David Stevens, R. W. G. Chaplains.

The annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, (National Compact) also met on the same day and though the progressive young men were out-voted by the opponents of the Union, they succeeded in retaining the R. W. G. M., James F. Needham, in the Grand East. The proposition to withdraw from the National Compact is at present laid aside but unless we are much mistaken there will not be any compact for them to remain in, for any great length of time. This year it was killed by proxies, of which one man from Pittsburg (an opponent of the measure) held forty-seven.

The M. W. *United* Grand Lodge for the State of New Jersey held its Annual Communication on the 27th and 28th. The attendance was large and the procedings interesting. We were particularly pleased with the speeches made on the Representatives from Sister Grand Lodges, among which were the Grand Lodges for Penn., Virginia, Connecticut, Louisiana, Missouri, Ohio, Maryland, District of Columbia, Colorado and others, numbering 17 in all.

The election resulted in the choice of M. W. John W. Mays of Camden for Grand Master, R. W. James L. Merritt of Jersey City, S. G. W., Carter Harrison, R. W. J. G. W., A. C. Sevens, of Camden, R. W. G. Treas., and Charles N. Robinson, of Camden, R. W. G. Sec. John W. Mays, M. W. G. M., was ceased to make his appointments, among hom were R. W. Handy, W. Merrill, D. G. Master and Samuel Gordon of Trenton, G. Organist. It is my misfortune to have forgotten the others. F. W.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

A RESUME OF THE WEEK'S PLEASURE.

Christmas, notwithstanding the deep snows and intense cold, has been full of entertaining and good cheer, the festivities opened on Christmas night by a jolification at the hospitable home of Robert J. Harlan N street, which was a most enjoyable occasion and was fully attended.

On Wednesday Dr. and *Mrs.* Purvis entertained their friends in handsome style at their residence 13th on Thursday night. The Literary and *Musical* Society entertained their guests at the residence of *Miss* Tilghman *M* street, and the occasion was a most bright and happy one, and most fully enjoyed by the brilliant audience present. The Rev. Grimke was in the chair. The essay was by Dr. Samuel L. Cook, "The Relation of the *Medical* profession to Civilization" and was most ably treated, then a "Farewell to the Old Year" was read by *Miss* E. W. Somerville. After which the audience were entertained to the bright and sparklink drama, "Perfection; or the maid of *Munster*." To much praise cannnt be accorded to the ladies and gentlemen who sustained to clevery the parts assigned them.

The cast was as follows: Sir Lawrence Paragon, William E. Mathews; Charles, his brother, Dr. John R. Francis; Sam, valet, Henry E. Baker; Kate O'Brien, Miss Alice Parke; Susan, the maid, Miss Fannie A. Barrier.

After the play refreshments were served and at midnight all departed well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

Friday night the gentlemen entertained their lady friends, and on New Year's Day the ladies will entertain their gentlemen friends; and so the old year and enter with aith and hope upon the new.

The Book Reception

which came off at the Berean Baptist church Monday night was conducted as affairs usually are at this church, in that quiet manner which bespeaks the culture of the congregation. The room was made very attractive by ten ornamental booths on either side of a hexagonal pagoda, within all of which ladies of the church were ready to serve with fruits, cake and creams any who were ready to patronize them.

Mr. H. E. Baker conducted the exercises. They were opened by a recitation by Miss Hattie Stewart, after which Miss Josie Stewart sang 'Who will buy" with great artistic skill. Duets and quartets followed one another, and a charming dialogue on "Gossip" was announced after a brief interval, but the special feature of the evening was the address of Mr. William E. Matthews, who dwelt on the influence of books as civilizers. He spoke in an easy, off hand manner, making a good impression and succeeded in demonstrating that the modern is superior to any of the anterior civilizations because of the humanizing influences of the former; that as books wield a potent influence in promoting this civilation, the effort to establish a library for the Sunday School met with his cordial support as it should with that of every public benefactor.

The number of books brought was considerably less than that of the audience present, many availing themselves of the privilege of the ten cents admission.

Among the strangers present, we noted Prof. Scarborough, of Wilberforce, J. H. Minkings, of Norfolk and Col. Robert Harlan of Ohio.

A Double Surprise.

Last Friday evening a Mr. Lewis C. Cornish was invited by Miss Mary Reed, one of the teachers of the Israel Bethel Sunday School, to step over into her house a few moments. Thinking it a call to look over some postal card received or about some business connected with the Sunday School of which he is superintendent, he went over. After seating himself to be quizzed as to the business at hand a door was opened and he was introduced to his corps of teachers who in a body presented him with a concordance of the Bible.

He was taken completely by surprise and before he had recovered from his shock these ladies bade him adieu.

Mr. Cornish after spending a few moments in Miss Reed's, went home to find that these same ladies had preceded him and spread a rich collation and were only waiting his return to give "the order."

THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE,
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1881.

LOCAL.

—Societies and Churches desiring local notices of their entertainments and other special exercises in order to ensure the same should send complimentary tickets.

—Miss A. J. Baldwin assisted by her Mrs. J. Perry, 1237 4th street n. w., will receive.

—Miss Ada A. Bozemon, teacher of School No, 1 Lincoln Building was the recipent of an elegant silver butter dish from her pupils of the 7th and 6th Grade.

—The Tableau Concert of the Bethlehem Baptist Sunday School of Hillsdale D. C., that took place December 28, was one of the most interesting nature. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the hall was crowded to its uttermost. The whole affair was a grand success. Much credit is due to the officers and pupils.

—The Ministerial General Assembly of the District of Columbia will meet next Tuesday morning January 4, at half past ten, at the residence of Dr. Crummell 1522 O street n. w. S. P. Smith, secretary.

—Miss Sarah L. Daffin, teacher of the Central Eighth Grade was agreeably surprised on the 23rd instant by the presentation of a set of handsome vases and several other articles. The presentation was made on behalf of the school by Miss Sophia Bruce in a very neat and graceful speech.

—John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church, Connecticut avenue between L and M streets, Rev. M. H. Ross pastor, preaching at 10:30 a. m., subject "Self Consecration for the New Year"; at 7:30 p. m. sermon on the 18th anniversary of the emancipation of our race, subject, "The memorial deliverance." Communion at the close of the sermon. The O. P. Morton's Post No. 4, Grand Army of the Republic be present. Sabbath School at 9 a. m.

—The somewhat sudden death of Mrs. Fred. C. Revells will cast a gloom in a wide circle of acquaintances, extending in all sections of our country. She was interred Thursday at Graceland cemetery.

—A sword to be contented for between the friends of the Washington Cadets and the Capitol City Guards is one of the attractions of the Bazaar at the 19th Street Baptist church.

—Do not forget that the celebrated lecture of Rev. J. W. Stevenson on Courtship and Marriage, comes off Tuesday night.

—In weather like this there is nothing better in doors than a nice blazing fire by which to sit while the wind howls and whistles without. But whether in our out of doors there is no better evidence of good judgment than a pair of good shoes and overshoes from Wm. Hahn's 816 7th st. n. w. and 1922 Pa. ave.

The heavy sales made by them during the past week have not exhausted their stock or relaxed their efforts.

—The Entertainment at the 15th Street Presbpterian church on Tuesday evening last was an unqualified success. The house was full, the performance good—barring the "Trial by jury," which was a little too rude and the jokes too broad, for such an occasion; but the Literary and Musical exercises were above criticism, especially the readings of Miss Josie Martin and the magnificent instrumentation of Miss Blanch Washington.

The social part, in the lecture room below, was full of animation and good cheer, and was largely enjoyed by all present.

The first annual reception of the ladies of Golden Willow Club took place on Wednesday evening December 29. The guests commenced to arrive as early as half past eight o'clock. There were many present. Miss Lucy A. Bogles with all her grace and charms received them at the parlor door every gentleman's name being announced by said lady.

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The audience was by no means confined to our Romanist friends, here and there we espied a Methodist and some Baptist scions who had strayed from the fold and availed themselves of the now rare opportunity in Washington "to trip it on the light fantastic." They were not all young folks either, for there was no more active and nimble body "balancing, promenading, swinging corners etc." than T. S. Vance of the sixth auditor's office.

Strangers.

Our city is full of strangers drawn here to visit their friends and enjoy the Christmas holiuays. Among those we have met are Miss Imogene Howard of New York, the guest of her sister Miss Addie Howard.

Miss Lizzie Smith of Boston, the guest of Mrs. Richard Smith 16th st.

Mr. Nesser of Zanesville, Ohio. the guest of his son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Atwell, 12th street.

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Prof. Scborough of Wilberforce University, Garnett D. Baltimore of Troy, New York and George M. Matthews, the guests of Wm. E. Matthews 14th street.

Chrtmas Festival

The Sunday School of John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church held their Christmas fesval Monday evening and it was a very pleasant affair. After singing by the school and prayer by the pastor Rev. M. H. Ross, the children were addressed by the pastor, W. B. Ingram and the superintendent, Mr. Indall Bowie. The church was handsomely decorated and looked beautiful with three large Christmas trees—one in the centre of the altar, the others on each side well laden with presents for the children. After singing which was admirable reflecting great credit on the school, an evidence of marked improvement and progress, the superintendent distributed the presents to the children. After which refreshments were served to the school. All went home pleased with the evening's exercises

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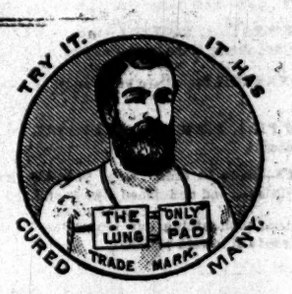

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